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Secretary Brown Says AF Ready for Any Requirement

The U.S. Air Force has the weapons and supporting systems to meet any requirement in Southeast Asia or any other area where aerospace power may be needed to achieve U.S. objectives, Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown said at the Aviation/Space Writers Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Brown said that the level of USAF operations in both South and North Vietnam is appropriate to meet U.S. objectives.

"We are not undercommitted; neither are we overcommitted," the secretary stated. The Air Force is doing its job well—to the complete satisfaction of the forces we support as part of a joint team, he said.

Supporting his conclusions, Brown noted these achievements in Vietnam:

- Quality and quantity of USAF close support of ground forces is the best in the history of joint operations.
- Air Force operations are better than in any past war because of improved reconnaissance and an ability to hit targets accurately under adverse conditions.
- The strategic bomber has proved its effectiveness in limited war.

Army Aviators to Benefit From Study Recommendations

A major study of the Army Aviator Personnel Management Program has been completed and action taken on conclusions and recommendations.

The study contains conclusions and recommendations on aviation grade structure; commissioned aviator grade excesses; screening and retraining of excesses; recruitment; flight pay; and alternate career programs for commissioned officers.

Recommendations and conclusions approved by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson include establishment of personnel ceilings for field grade officers in the program based on percentages derived from the Officer Grade Limitation Act.

This, it was noted, means an increase in field grade aviators authorized for assignment throughout the Army structure.

INVESTIGATIONS CHIEF HONORED—Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Cappucci, director, Special Investigations (IG), USAF, receives Vietnam's highest medal, the National Order of Vietnam (Knight Class), and the Armed Forces Honor Medal from Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky. Gen Cappucci spent two years helping the Vietnamese Air Force establish its own Office of Special Investigations.

NATO Directs Establishment Of Iberian Sea Command

A new NATO sea command is being established in Portugal to protect and defend allied shipping in the western approaches to the Mediterranean Sea.

Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN, Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, was directed by NATO to activate the Iberian Atlantic Command with headquarters in Lisbon.

Initial staff of the command will consist of naval officers from Portugal, United Kingdom and United States.

A SACLANT announcement noted that the IBERLANT Command will strengthen command and control of NATO forces in this important sea area:

"It is appropriate that this new NATO sea command is being established in Portugal, whose maritime knowledge and historic achievements at sea mark that country as one of the leading maritime nations of the Alliance."

Washington Memos

ARMY AVIATOR PERSONNEL Management Program Study Group has prepared formal warrant officer career program and submitted it to group studying all warrant officer career problems. Publication of career planning guidance, similar to that for officers in DA Pamphlet 600-3, is expected to result.

OPERATION UNITAS VII, training exercise involving about 50 ships, 15 air squadrons, and 1,500 Navy personnel of U.S. and seven South American countries, has ended after 14 weeks. Operation included ASW, gunnery, convoy escort and anti-air warfare training.

ARMY OFFICER PROMOTIONS planned for December are to make 102 colonels, 360 lieutenant colonels, 625 majors, and 68 W-4 and 113 W-3 warrant officers. Colonel promotions will exhaust the present recommended list. Approved by Army Secretary, the list will be released around Dec. 19.

VETERAN OF TWELVE years as a naval aviator and 16 years in the Navy, Lt. Cdr. Billy Vernon Wheat has been chosen new leader of the Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration team. Wheat will take command of the Pensacola, Fla., based flight demonstration team in January, relieving Commander Bob Aumack.

COAST GUARD is studying ways to improve survival in polar areas. One piece of new arctic survival equipment being tested is "the ultimate tent," which is light, portable, windproof and waterproof. Also being investigated is a "rescue blanket" made of light, aluminized plastic film. "Blanket" would be used to conserve body warmth.

FIFTH BOMB WING, Travis AFB, Calif., has completed 12 successive years of operation without an aircraft accident. Strategic Air Command Hall of Fame certificate was presented to the wing for the accomplishment.

FOURTEEN VIETNAMESE soldiers have been entered for U.S. Army's Infantry OCS class at Ft. Benning, Ga. After graduation in June of next year the 14 students will act as tactical officers in the Vietnamese Army. Because of U.S. Army requirement, OCS training for Vietnamese officer candidates will be on a one-time basis.

NASA AND BRAZILIAN Space Commission have agreed to conduct important X-ray astronomy studies of segments of the Southern Hemisphere sky by launching a 225-pound payload on an Aerobee 150 sounding rocket from a mobile launch facility at Natal, Brazil.

ARMY SCIENTISTS AT Human Engineering Laboratories, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., have concluded a field study to determine degree to which soldiers can see at night under combat conditions. Experience gained will be applied toward further development and refinement of equipment used in night detection.

FIELD ELEMENT OF worldwide Army Strategic Communications Command, 11th Signal Group, was transferred from Ft. Lewis, Wash., to Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. The 11th is Army's only air mobile emergency communications unit.

AMERICAN RED CROSS budget next year will soar to its highest level since World War II. The 1967 Red Cross needs have been set at $118.8 million. More than $47 million of this total will be allocated for the Armed Forces, an increase of $8.3 million.

A $5 MILLION modification of a previously awarded contract for one-half ton utility trucks (M151A1) has been let by Army to Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich.

COLONEL AUS SELECTION boards convened by Army in September have adjourned. Board results are being administratively processed. Expect circular on those recommended for promotion to be released before Christmas.

MORE THAN 64 years' outstanding contribution to education and training of armed forces officers and enlisted resulted in award for Army Ordnance Center and School. The Distinguished U.S. Army Service School Award was presented at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., by Maj. Gen. K. L. Reaves, CONARC Hqs.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR Army's Reserve Officer Training Corps and National Defense Cadet Program will shift from Chief of Reserve Components to Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel on July 1, 1967. Transfer of certain management and operational functions to CONARC Headquarters, Ft. Monroe, Va., is scheduled before January 1967.

AIR FORCE CLIMATIC Laboratory will soon undergo its first major modification and upgrading in nearly 20 years. About $2 million will be spent to increase airflow capabilities to more than three times present capacity, enabling testing of larger turbojet engines at temperatures down to —65°F.

THE SOCIETY of American Military Engineers has established an Air Force Civil Engineering Outstanding Unit Award to promote greater effectiveness, efficiency and economy and to recognize annual unit achievement in civil engineering activities. Details about eligibility and nomination are in AFR 900-1.

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Background for Commanders

THE FUTURE OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY*

Those closest to the danger know that South Vietnam is the target of an aggression—and that that aggression must be repelled if there is to be a reasonable prospect of peace in East Asia and the Western Pacific. Increasingly those who understand the danger are willing to help in dealing with it. In that area it is realized that our firm stand in Vietnam and Southeast Asia is giving the nations of the region time to build and organize their strength, resources and development.

Economic and Social Progress

Another salient reality about East Asia and the Western Pacific is the economic and social progress of most of the non-Communist countries. Some of them face difficult problems. But nearly all are making genuine advances and look to the future with high confidence.

New Zealand has achieved a new high in per capita income. Australia is forging ahead. Thailand has made very substantial economic progress. So has Malaysia. The Republic of the Philippines has new, dynamic leadership. The Republic of China on Taiwan has become a showplace of the Western Pacific, and is providing technical assistance to approximately 25 countries. Indonesia has pulled back from the abyss and is putting its affairs in order.

The Republic of Korea is making remarkable economic progress, both industrially and in agricultural production. At the same time, it continues to be a major contributor to the security of Free Asia. In ratio to population, its contribution of troops to the defense of South Vietnam is comparable to ours.

Japan's rise to unprecedented heights of productivity and per capita income has been achieved by peaceful means under democratic institutions.

The economic progress of the free nations of the Western Pacific stands in sharp contrast to Mainland China—where there has been no increase in per capita income in the last 10 years.

Many Nations Contribute

The United States has made vital contributions to the independence and to the economic and social advance of the free nations of East Asia and the Western Pacific.

One has been to help to provide a shield of security. Another was a peace of genuine reconciliation with Japan. A third has been our aid in economic and social development: capital, technical assistance, and aid in education.

Of course, we have not been alone in this effort. Great Britain, Australia, France, and many nations, including Japan, have contributed on a significant scale. The Republic of the Philippines is an increasingly important regional center for education and training. Thailand has made many contributions to regional educational programs, including support for SEATO educational and scientific programs and the new Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok. Taiwan is exporting expert assistance, especially in agriculture.

Education Affects Growth

A recent study sustains the presumption that economic growth is related to ratios of educational enrollment to total population. It indicated that gross national product per capita begins sustained growth when primary enrollments reach 8 to 10 percent of the total population—that subsequent economic growth seems to be associated with the expansion of secondary enrollment beyond 2 percent of the population; then, finally, with the growth of university level enrollments.

Some such relationship between educational and economic growth appears in the East Asia and Pacific area. Japan passed the 10 percent mark in primary enrollments before 1900, the 2 percent enrollment in secondary schools during the first world war; and its enrollment at the university level in ratio to total population is now the third highest in the world. Australia and New Zealand have educational records not unlike Japan's; and they rank among the world's leaders in per capita gross national product.

Taiwan and the Republic of Korea have high rates of literacy and increasing enrollments in secondary schools and universities. And the expansion of education in the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong has followed, or been accompanied, by the economic growth that has been the hallmark of the last 10 years. And despite war and terror—including the assassination of school teachers by the Viet Cong—South Vietnam has achieved the ratios of enrollment associated elsewhere with the beginning of sustained economic growth.

In any event, in most of the free nations of East Asia and the Western Pacific the educational fundations have been laid for sustained economic, social, and political development.

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* *Excerpts from speech by Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, before the Association of State Colleges and National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges in Washington, D. C.*

Six-Ship Missile Firing Highlights Lantflex 66

A major operation during Lantflex 66, largest U.S. Atlantic Fleet exercise of the year, was an open-ocean ship missile firing 300 miles at sea involving six ships.

Objective of the missile firing was to train ships in surface-to-air missile operations under as realistic conditions as possible.

Ships participating were the aircraft carrier USS America; guided missiles frigates USS Wainwright, USS MacDonough and USS Yarnell; guided missile destroyers USS Sellers, USS J. King and USS R. E. Byrd; and as an observer, the U.S. Second Fleet flagship, the heavy cruiser USS Newport News.

AF Red Ball Express Passes One-Year Mark

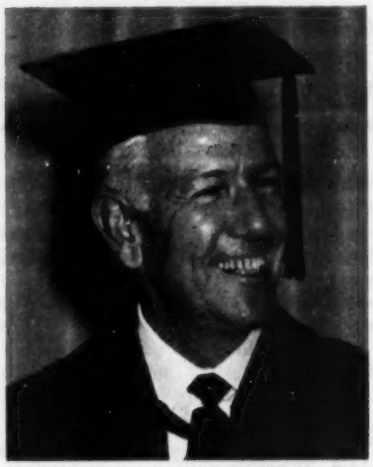
Air Force's special airlift of priority combat vehicle and aircraft parts to Southeast Asia, the Red Ball Express, has completed one year of operation, carrying an average of more than 25 tons per day.

Almost 9,400 tons of vital cargo were airlifted to military units in Vietnam during the first year. The tonnage was moved in 695 missions by the Military Airlift Command (MAC).

Army Orders Instruction In Personnel Management

Mandatory personnel management instruction will be scheduled in Army's Officer Candidate Schools, Command and General Staff College, and basic and advanced officers' courses beginning with FY68 classes.

Instruction will be toward the appropriate type and level of personnel actions officers will meet after graduation, especially as they pertain to enlisted.



HONORARY DEGREE — Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Salet, commandant, U.S. Army War College, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pa. Award honored Gen. Salet's "outstanding service to the cause of education."

Boards of Visitors Report on 2 Academies

The President has received two 1966 Board of Visitors reports telling him that the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and the U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs are discharging their missions.

The Air Force report included these recommendations and findings:

- Congressmen should receive a nomination increase from six to 10 in keeping with larger enrollments;
- Limited flying indoctrination should be available to all cadets;
- Overseas field studies by cadets should be resumed as soon as circumstances permit.

The Army report recommended that courses in fields such as human physiology and animal biology be considered as additional West Point courses, along with credit for studying a second foreign language.

The West Point report also told of expanding construction programs of family housing, a Science Building and a Cadet Union Building.

Army-wide Film-TV Program To Be Drafted

Responsibility for establishing an over-all Department of the Army Motion Picture-Television Program has been designated to the Office of the Chief of Communications-Electronics (OCC-E) by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson.

Gen. Johnson directed OCC-E to prepare a plan, in coordination with appropriate agencies, to establish and effectively coordinate the program, establish a program board and change OCC-E's function and organization as necessary.

OCC-E was also directed to study and determine the best command relationship for the U.S. Army Photographic Agency and to submit recommendations.

Navy Carrier's Awards Bridge Two Decades

The USS Hancock has become the first Navy attack carrier to receive the Navy Unit Commendation for service in both World War II and Vietnam conflict.

Hancock was commended for "outstanding performance during her last deployment to the Western Pacific," November 1965 to July 1966.

During her latest deployment Hancock aircraft flew more than 11,000 strike sorties and delivered more than 8,000 tons of explosives on targets in South and North Vietnam.

The Hancock is commanded by Capt. James C. Donaldson, USN.

Give Vietnam Mail Guidelines

DOD has offered guidelines for the best and cheapest ways to send mail and parcels to military personnel in Vietnam.

DOD has advised the military to notify their families that letters sent first class travel by air from the West Coast of the United States to Vietnam.

Parcels five pounds or less can be sent at fourth class postal rates and will be flown on a space available basis.

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